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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 1946

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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV-CUBAN RESOLUTION RELATING TO CSCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION

REF: A. STATE 056128 B. VIENNA 1500

1. POLCOUNS MET WITH MFA CSCE SECTION HEAD MINISTER  
LIEDERMANN ON MARCH 10 AND, USING TALKING POINTS CONTAINED  
REFTEL A, REVIEWED WITH HIM OUR ANALYSIS OF MAJOR DEFICIENCIES  
OF YUGOSLAV-CUBAN RESOLUTION. HE WENT ON TO EXPRESS  
DISAPPOINTMENT OVER AUSTRIAN ABSTENTION ON VOTE AND, AFTER  
NOTING HARMFUL NATURE OF AUSTRIAN ACTION TO CSCE EFFORT,  
ASKED EXPLANATION OF RATIONALE FOR GOA VOTE AND  
WHETHER ABSTENTION REPRESENTED CHANGE IN GOA POSITION  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS OF CSCE.

2. LIEDERMANN INDICATED THAT HIS SECTION HAD TAKEN  
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STRONG STAND INITIALLY IN RECOMMENDING TO MFA SENIOR

LEVEL VOTE AGAINST YUGOSLAV-CUBAN RESOLUTION BUT THAT GOA ADOPTED ABSTENTION POSITION AFTER LEARNING THAT NUMBER OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE TENDING TOWARD ABSTAINING ON RESOLUTION. HE SAID HE HAD PRESENTED IN ALMOST IDENTICAL LANGUAGE SAME GENERAL ARGUMENTS ON OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF YUGOSLAV/CUBAN RESOLUTION CONTAINED PARA 1 OF REF A. LIEDERMANN WAS OF LIKE MIND WITH U.S. THAT GOA COULD HAVE MORE EASILY JUSTIFIED VOTE AGAINST YUGOSLAV-CUBAN RESOLUTION SINCE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION AT GENEVA, WHICH HE LED, HAD SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THIS POSITION UNDER CONSTANT PRESSURE FROM COMMUNIST SIDE TO ACCOMMODATE. LIEDERMANN ADDED THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HE FELT HE HAD DONE BEST POSSIBLE TO PROTECT HELSINKI FINAL ACT POSITION BY HAVING AUSTRIA JOIN IN VOTE WITH U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESOLUTION HAD NO EFFECT ON HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

3. POLCOUNS WHO SAW MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD AMBASSADOR STEINER ON ANOTHER MATTER FOLLOWING MEETING WITH LIEDERMANN ALSO RAISED WITH HIM AUSTRIA'S ABSTENTION ON YUGOSLAV-CUBAN RESOLUTION AND PUT SAME QUESTIONS RE RATIONALE FOR AUSTRIAN VOTE AND IMPLICATION, IF ANY, FOR GOA POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. STEINER EXPLAINED ABSTENTION VOTE AS BEING DUE TO "TECHNICAL AND TIMING DIFFICULTIES" AND NOT TO ANY GOA SUBSTANTIVE DECISION TO MODIFY ITS POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF CSCE. HE SAID FONMIN HAD RESERVED TO HIMSELF ANY CHANGE ON EARLIER ADOPTED ABSTENTION STANCE AND THAT BIELKA WAS "INACCESSIBLE" FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON ISSUE IN RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN OUR DEMARCHE ON AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 25 (REFTEL B) AND COMMISSION'S VOTE ON YUGOSLAV/CUBAN RESOLUTION FEBRUARY 27. STEINER ADDED THAT PART OF PROBLEM WAS ALSO CONFUSION IN MFA AS TO SHIFTING SENTIMENT AMONG WESTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS AND WHETHER THEY IN FACT WOULD HOLD FIRM IN CASTING OPPOSITION VOTE. HE REPEATED ASSURANCE THAT GOA POLICY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS OF HELSINKI FINAL

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ACT HAS NOT CHANGED AND PROMISED TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OUR DEMARCHE TO FONMIN UPON LATTER'S RETURN FROM MIDDLE EAST NEXT WEEK.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT AS DESIRED.BUCHANAN

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